

WB Community Health Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: October 7, 2010

9:30 am

Attendees: Thomas Hoover, Kelli Russ. Robert Ross, Alan Lord, Patti Whalen, Sharon Kitchin, Karen Hagan, Ernie Zmyslinski, Jaclynn DiPietro, Joseph Balducci, Ted Przybyla, Robin Reasor, Maryanne Crawford, Bob Dooley, Brian Stanley

Guests: Lyn Budaj, Kathleen Paul, Cheryl Wilcox, Susan Rogers, Mary Lou Buonaccorsi, Tara Higgins and John Gilliland – Blue Cross

Open Meeting: 9:40 am

Executive Director Report

1. Approval of Minutes of August 18, 2010

Ross:Hoover Vote Carries: Unanimous

2. Blue Cross Presentations-See Handouts

A. Prescription Drug Co-Pay Changes: Effective 11/1/2010

80/20 spilt plans will not be effected; tier plans will have the biggest effect. 16 high cost generic drugs (majority are acne drugs) are moving from Tier 1 to Tier 2. Changes to Tier 2 to Tier 3 are normal changes.

The reason for the change in tiers is affordability. Prescriptions are the most commonly used benefit, approx. 20% of the cost.

Most individuals have been notified of the changes and the last batch went out this week.

BC/BS is hoping that individuals will look at their lifestyles and speak with their doctors rather than taking a pill to solve the medical problem.

BC/BS customer service has been informed of the changes as well as the pharmacies

Prescription changes occur twice a year- April and October

These changes are not plan or benefit changes but are formulary changes and should not affect contract language.

B. The New "Quality Based Claims Payment" (see email dated 9/27/2010)

The payment is based upon the total number of people with plan; an increase of one half of one percent of the claims cost for the month.

This system is fully integrated with electronic medical records. It is not a pay for performance and the physicians are required to meet requirements to receive payment above the standard. 100% of the payments go directly to the physicians not BC/BS.

The reasons for this new system are for more efficient and effective services.

3. Investment Committee Update

A. Proposed Line of Credit: Upon review with members not present at the last meeting, the proposed line of credit was not signed and

those members will receive information from Tom Curry via email- see 10/20/2010 email. The liability of the credit falls on the investment not the individual members.

4. State Healthcare Initiative Update

The state is going ahead with a plan design that is 4 plans for all the school districts. When contract expire, school systems will have to select one of the 4 plans. The 4 plans are formulated based upon the state plan which is 100%, 92.5% plan (based upon East Providence's plan), 85% and 77.5% plans. The additional 2 state plans have not been formulated. Bob will try to get copies of the 100% and 92.5 % plans. A Health Savings Account will probably be a lower plan design. Co-shares have not been part of the discussions

WB Community Health as a group will not be effective, the General Assembly has been very positive towards the collaboratives.

5. Trust/WBCH Contract with Blue Cross

The contract between the Trust and BC/BS will expire 6/30/2011 while our contract will expire 6/30/2012. The Trust is trying to extend their contract for one more year so both entities can work together for a better contract. There are a total of 16, 200 subscribers in the 2 groups.

A legal review of any contract would be completed by out attorney, Dan Kinder

Do we want to continue to have a working relationship the Trust?

Motion to maintain the working relationship- Lord:Crawford Vote

Carries: Unanimous

Bob will contact Tom Dwyer at the Trust.

6. New Software Consideration- see handout from Brave River Solutions

Due to the size of the group, the current excel based system is very difficult to manipulate and manage by Bacon and Co. We need to move to a data-based system

No action at this time.

7. 2010-11 Budget Update-see handout

We are right on target with expenditures

8. Goals for 2010-11

1. Dental enrollment: East Providence Schools will be joining on 11/1/2010; Narragansett expires on 6/30/2011. Cranston has a direct contract with Delta Dental but hopes to fold into our dental program.

2. Life Insurances- Bob received 6 responses and all have difference plan designs. Would we hire a consultant or just refer to the Trust?

Tom- The consultant would develop a RFP? Yes

Alan- The Trust may have concerns because of the school's coverage-legislative changes are needed

Bob will review cost with a consultant

3. Wellness Program

The Good Health Benefit with BC/BS is an option which is being used

by Coventry and EWG.

WB would be facilitating the wellness programs and members would pay for their program.

Muni-Blue is the first step in a wellness program

**Motion to approve the above 3 goals: Kitchin: Crawford Vote
Carries: Unanimous**

9. Volunteers were requested for a new policies sub-committee. Bob Ross Sharon Kitchen and Maryanne Crawford volunteered to join Bob Dooley on the committee.

Item 10 skipped forsake of time

11. Office Update- see 10/6/2010 email

Motion to accept Option 3 as presented

Ross:Lord Vote Carries: Unanimous

12. 2010-11 Meeting Dates

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Wednesday, February, 2, 2011

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Adjourn: 11:50 AM

Ross:Russ, Vote Carries: Unanimous